(b) what is the annual estimated production of platinum within the country and what percentage of the demand is met by imports;

* (c) whether it is a fact that there [1] are vast unexploited Iaterite deposits in Qrissa; and

(d) if so, what efforts have been made so far to exploit Iaterite deposits in Orissa stating the results achieved and what is the programme, if any, to ex-ploit the; deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) 4054 Troy ozs. of platinum metal -was imported during 1989-90 valued at Rs. 3. 52 crores.

(b) There is no production of platinum metal within the country and entire requirement is met through imports.

(a) and (d) Investigations for asses-ting the potential platinum in laterites in Orissa are in progress and are yet to be completed.

Decline In the export of handicrafts

952. SIBRI KRISHNA KUMAR BBtLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES fee please} to state:

(a) whether country's handicraft exports have been gradually declining;

(b) if so, what is the comparative per-centage of decline in the exports of handicrafts during 1987, 1988, 1989 and since the begining of 1990;

(c) what is the country's estimated share in the total world trade of handicrafts;

(d) what are the main causes for the decline in the exports of handicrafts stating the names of the countries where exports have declined; and

(e) what steps government propose [t0] take to boost the exports of handicrafts?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The country's estimatejd share in the total world trade of handicraft* is about 1. 5 cent. *t*

(d) Does mot arise.

(e) A Statement is attached.

Statement

The fallowing steps have been taken to boost the export of handicrafts including handknotted earpeta: —.

'It) Cash Compensatory Support (CCS)

SI.	Export Product	No. % rate of CGS on FOB value
i	**2**	8
	(i) Handicrafts other than those made of Jute.	10
	(ii) Jute Handicraft.	12
	. (Hi) Hand knifed woollen carpets having FOB value;	
	(a) above Rs. 650'- oer sq. m'r	18
	(b) above Rs. 250/- but upto Rs. 650'- per sq. mtr.	**If>**
	(o). . .	8

i	a	3
(iv) Woollen druggets, durries & goat hair pattis		8
(v) Hand/kiiottel Silksn/rayon'staple carpets		15

(2) *Duty Drawback facility*

SI. Items No.	Duty Drawback allowed
(i) Imitation zari all sorts.....	Rs. 31-70 per kg, of Copper content
(ii) Floor coverings including carpets all sorts & small-size handknotted woollen mats/carpets but excluding machine made woollen tufted carpets.	3% of FOB value
(iii) Cotton Durries (including cotton chindi durries/cotton Rag Rug Durrfes)/Druggets, when Dyed.	2% of FOB value
(iv) Brass Artwares and Electro plated Nickle Silver (EPNS)/ - ■ ' - ; a maximum of Rs. 29'40 per kg. '	25% of FOB value subject to Wares..
(v) Aluminium Artwares. . .	Rs. 10 60 per kg.

(3) *Impoit Replenishment facility*

(i) Handicrafts, e. g. Ari-nutalwares, woodwares etc.	10% to 40% of FOB value depending upon the item of? handicrafts.... I
(ii) Ha, nl-nndj wasllea/silken/synth^tic carpets etc..	20% FOB value., ----*

(4) Pre-post shipment credit is available on conoesKional rate of interest i. e. 7. 5 per cent to 9. 5 per cent depending -upon natttrc and duration of credit.

(5) In order to augment the export •i handicrafts including Handknitted Carpets, the two Export Promotion Councils - namely the Carpet Export Promotion!. Council and the Export promotiion Council for Handicrafts have also spon-iored sales-cum-study teams /Technical delegation, participated in Exhibitions/ Fairs, abroad to explore the market potential

953. *[Transferred to %th January,* 1991] J

Financial assistance by Delhi Financial Corporation for development of t*urisn *

954. SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHA-RAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Financial Corporation has formulated new support schemes for providing fin- — ancial assistance to entrepreneurs for development of tourism and tourism re lated activities, facilities and services for the setting up of restaurant, cafetarias, tourist inn, Yatri Niwas, guest house etc.; —